

Yolo County Executive Committee Meeting

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Yolo County Office of Education, Community Conference Room 1280 Santa Anita Court, Suite 100, Woodland, CA 95776 Open Session - 4:00 PM



AGENDA

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1. OPENING PROCEDURES



1. 1. Call to Order and Roll Call



1. 2. Approval of Agenda



1. 3. Public Comment

Quick Summary / Abstract

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2. DISCUSSION / ACTION



2. 1. Resolution to Authorize remote (teleconference/videoconference) meetings by finding, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, that, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees *O*

Description

Discussion and possible Action on the attached Resolution to Authorize remote (teleconference/videoconference) meetings by finding, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, that, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees

Supporting Documents



Remote Meetings Resolution Executive Committee

2021-0922-Final Sisson Memo



Yolo County Executive Committee and Yolo County Superintendent of Schools

RESOLUTION #20/21-09

Resolution of the Yolo County Executive Committee Regarding Brown Act Compliance and Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, as Amended by Assembly Bill 361, During the COVID-19 Pandemic

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the County Health Officer declared a local health emergency related to the COVID-19 on March 6, 2020. The County Administrator, acting in his capacity as the Director of Emergency Services, proclaimed the existence of a local emergency related to COVID-19 on March 6, 2020.

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, which suspended and modified the teleconferencing requirements under the Brown Act (California Government Code Section 54950 *et seq.*) so that local legislative bodies can hold public meetings via teleconference (with audio or video communications, without a physical meeting location), as long as the meeting agenda identifies the teleconferencing procedures to be used; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2021, the Governor clarified that the "reopening" of California on June 15, 2021 did not include any change to the proclaimed state of emergency or the powers exercised thereunder; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order N-08-21, which extended the provision of N-29-20 concerning the conduct of public meetings through September 30, 2021, and the Governor subsequently signed legislation revising Brown Act requirements for teleconferenced public meetings (Assembly Bill 361, referred to hereinafter as "AB 361"); and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this Resolution, neither the Governor nor the Legislature have exercised their respective powers pursuant to California Government Code section 8629 to lift the state of emergency either by proclamation or by concurrent resolution in the state Legislature; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this Resolution, neither the County Health Officer nor the County Administrator have exercised their powers to lift the local health emergency and local state of emergency declared and proclaimed on March 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the County Health Officer has confirmed that continued local rates of transmission of the virus and variants causing COVID-19 are such that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees of public meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Executive Committee has considered all information related to this matter, including the associated staff report and September 22, 2021 memorandum from the County Public Health Officer and other information relating to COVID-19; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND FOUND as follows:

1. The Yolo County Executive Committee hereby finds that the fact set forth in the above recitals are true and correct, and establish the factual basis for the adoption of this Resolution;

2. There is an ongoing proclaimed state of emergency relating to the novel coronavirus causing the disease known as COVID-19 and as a result of that emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees of in-person meetings of this legislative body within the meaning of California Government Code section 54953(e)(1).

3. Under the present circumstances, including the risks mentioned in the preceding paragraph, the Yolo County Executive Committee determines that authorizing teleconferenced public meetings consistent with Assembly Bill 361 is necessary and appropriate.

4. Staff are directed to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution in accordance with the foregoing provisions and the requirements of Government Code section 54953, as amended by Assembly Bill 361, including but not limited to returning for ratification of this Resolution every 30 days after teleconferencing for the first time pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 for so long as either of the following circumstances exists: (a) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of this legislative body to meet in person; and/or (b) state or local officials, including but not limited to the County Health Officer, continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Yolo County Executive Committee and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools at a meeting held on October 5, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Matt Taylor, President Yolo County Board of Education Garth Lewis County Superintendent of Schools



COUNTY OF YOLO

Health and Human Services Agency

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Date: September 22, 2021 To: All Yolo County Boards and Commissions From: Dr. Aimee Sisson, Health Officer Subject: Remote Public Meetings

In light of the ongoing public health emergency related to COVID-19 and the high level of community transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19, the Yolo County Public Health Officer recommends that public bodies continue to meet remotely to the extent possible. Board and Commissions can utilize the provisions of newly-enacted AB 361 to maintain remote meetings under the Ralph M. Brown Act and similar laws.

Among other reasons, the grounds for the remote meeting recommendation include:

- The continued threat of COVID-19 to the community. As of September 22, 2021, the current case rate is 24.1 cases per 100,000 residents per day. This case rate is considered "high" under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) framework for assessing community COVID-19 transmission; and
- The unique characteristics of public governmental meetings, including the increased mixing associated with bringing together people from across the community, the need to enable those who are immunocompromised or unvaccinated to be able to safely continue to fully participate in public governmental meetings, and the challenges of ensuring compliance with safety requirements and recommendations at such meetings.

Meetings that cannot feasibly be held virtually should be held outdoors when possible, or indoors only in small groups with face coverings, maximal physical distance between participants, use of a portable HEPA filter (unless comparable filtration is provided through facility HVAC systems), and shortened meeting times.

This recommendation is based upon current conditions and available protective measures. The Public Health Officer will continue to evaluate this recommendation on an ongoing basis and will communicate when there is no longer such a recommendation with respect to meetings for public bodies.

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2. 2. Discuss Regular Board Meeting Agenda for October 12, 2021



3. ADJOURNMENT